

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 7 are currently amended. Reconsideration of the application is requested based on the amendments above and remarks below:

I: **Response to Restriction Requirement**

Applicants were requested to elect one of x designated groups.

Group I, Claims 1-5, 7, 11-13, 24 and 25 relating to a protease polypeptide.

Group II, Claims 10, 14, 16-20, and 23 drawn to a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide,

Group III, Claim 27 drawn to a method for cleaning using a protease polypeptide.

Applicants elect the invention of Group I, Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 13, 24 and 25 read thereon.

Applicants hereby reserve the right to file continuing type applications directed to the nonelected subject matter.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due at this time; however should any additional fees be due, the U.S. Patent Office is authorized to charge any such fees to Novozymes North America Inc's deposit account no. 50-1701.

The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this response or application.

Respectfully submitted,

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